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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the Application of

Warren B. JACKSON et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2121

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Examiner: T. PHAM

For: DISTRIBUTED ACTUATION ALLOCATION FOR LARGE ASSEMBLIES OF  
IMPLEMENTATION UNITS

Docket No.: 105778

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
CONSIDERATION OF DISCLOSED INFORMATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with Form PTO-1449 was timely filed in the above-captioned patent application on July 17, 2003. A copy of the stamped postcard receipt is attached. Applicants have not yet received back from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the cited disclosed information.

During a December 22 telephone conference with Examiner Pham, Applicants were advised that the Patent Office records do not show entry of this IDS. Accordingly, for the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants enclose a complete copy of the IDS, PTO-1449 and references along with the postcard receipt date-stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 17, 2003.

The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

July 17, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement  
Form PTO-1449, European Search Report,  
3 references and 1 Abstract

Date: December 23, 2005

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Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; copy of foreign search report; and 3 references.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and this communication was not received by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- 3. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



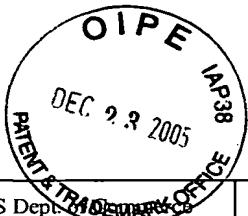
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